

REMARKS

1. Examiner Interview

Applicant gratefully acknowledges, that in a telephone interview on February 8, 2005, the Examiner agreed to remove the restriction requirement and examine all of the pending claims if the Applicant formally submitted a proposed amendment to the preamble of independent claim 47 that converted claims 47-55 from the Group II species to the Group I species. The Examiner also wanted Applicant to include discussion of why Applicant traverses the restriction requirement if Applicant elected the Group I species with traverse.

2. Election/Restrictions

In the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 13, 2004, the Examiner stated that claims 1-55 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patently distinct species and that Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species. The Examiner stated that claims 1-46 are “directed to a method to generate a display representing” and claims 47-55 are “directed to a method of tracking investment money.”

Applicant has provisionally elected the Group I species “directed to a method to generate a display representing” as the species to be examined. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement because Applicant has amended the preamble of independent claim 47 to read “[a] method to generate a display, on a display device, representing objects in a plurality of categories.” Claims 48-55 depend upon claim 47. Hence, claims 47-55, similar to claims 1-46, are now “directed to a method to generate a display representing.” Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner’s restriction requirement has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

SUMMARY

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks allowance thereof. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (312) 321-4277.

Respectfully submitted,



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